

26 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: NSC 135 Progress Report on Foreign Intelligence Programs

1. Attached is a current report on NSC 135 (as of 31 December 1952), reflecting the Agency and other agencies' views at the working level. It is ready for IAC formal concurrence. The deadline is 1 February for getting this to the NSC.

2. You will note that while this document includes report on FI it does not, in accordance with the practice last time, include anything on the non-FI side of DD/P. Nor does it include reference to other NSC papers which have placed responsibilities on CIA which had an effect upon the DD/P but which did not pertain to the foreign intelligence programs. This is also in accordance with Bill Bundy's understanding of the scope of the paper.

3. We have taken into account informal suggestions of Hugh Harter of the NSC: accepting most, rejecting some. One of his suggestions was an introduction along the lines of the attached introduction.

4. The first part of that introduction (A) relates to authority. Section B is an attempt to match performance generally with the statutory duties. (If you consider this a good idea it will have to be refined.) Section C attempts to give an overall impression of how we are doing. (The Sections A, B, C are purely for convenience in criticizing at this time.)

5. While I think that Section A of the introduction should be improved I have no strong feeling about Sections B and C but I am not especially enthusiastic about them - maybe it is my drafting.

6. I would be grateful if you could go over this today and let me know your changes so that I can reproduce and disseminate for final concurrence of the IAC. I had expected to get this concurrence through voice slip, rather than at an IAC meeting. If you would prefer the latter, then it would have to come before the IAC this Thursday, 29 January.

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